GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1650
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2008
INDIAN PRISON BILL
Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has advocated the replacement of the Indian Prison Act of 1894 by a Model Prison Bill which is uniformly applicable in the country;

(b) if so, whether the National Human Rights Commission has prepared and circulated a draft Model Prison Bill;

(c) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(d) the time by when the Government is likely to enact a new Prison Act in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b) to (d): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) had prepared an outline of a new Prison Bill to replace the existing Prisons Act, 1894. Based on the outline made by the NHRC, a draft Prison Management Bill was prepared by the Government of India and circulated to all the State Governments for their views, as "Prisons" is a State subject. In the absence of a favourable response from the States for legislation of a Central Act, no further action was possible.